

# **HOUSE . . . . .      No. 4529**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 13, 2008.

The committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1135) of Steven A. Tolman for legislation to eliminate the abuse of controlled-release oxycodone, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1136), Steven A. Tolman for legislation to eliminate the abuse of controlled-release hydromorphone, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1137) Steven A. Tolman for legislation to reduce the abuse of oxycontin, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1880) of Robert F. Fennell and Denise Provost relative to regulating oxycodone, and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1913) of Steven M. Walsh and others for legislation to require prescription drug abuse training for medical providers, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4529) ought to pass.

For the committee,

RUTH B. BALSER.

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In the Year Two Thousand and Eight.

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**AN ACT REQUIRING PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE AND PAIN MANAGEMENT TRAINING FOR MEDICAL PROVIDERS.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1     Section 18 of Chapter 94C of the General Laws, as appearing in  
2 the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the  
3 following subsection (e):—

4     (e) Prescribing practitioners seeking to obtain or renew a  
5 Massachusetts professional license shall be required to demon-  
6 strate completion of no less than 10 hours of training in effective  
7 pain management including identification of patients at high risk  
8 for substance abuse and other aspects of prescription medication  
9 abuse. Professional licensing boards may count these hours as  
10 part of their regular continuing medical education licensing  
11 requirements. The Department of Public Health shall develop a  
12 program that achieves the stated purposes, which program shall  
13 qualify toward the satisfaction of continuing medical education  
14 licensing requirements.